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story, and I may share this with you, Senator Johnson. As a retired surgeon, I think you'd be fascinated by this. If you'd care to, I'll be delighted to get you a copy of this article, and the incredible photography. And the title of the article, page 48 of that issue: Treating the tiniest patients. advances in fetal medicine, especially in utero surgery, have changed what we know and how we think about the unborn. And the article goes on at some considerable length, citing particular examples of how this...an area of specialization at Vanderbilt University is now developed where they're treating the unborn in very complex surgeries in utero. And I'm sure... Senator Johnson, I'm sure you're aware that this is happening, because I'm sure you keep up with the field. Very complex surgeries, where anesthesia is applied both to the mother and separately to the unborn child, and surgical procedures are performed on the child, the child is sewn back if I can use that term, and later born healthy. That's tremendous. We all should rejoice in that kind of advance in medical science. Texas Children's Hospital, they have something called the Texas Center for Fetal Surgery, and they have a long list of some of the medical difficulties that they can now deal with in utero on unborn children. It's incredible. Here's an article from the ... from Brown University, one of the Ivy League schools, and it's called the George Street Journal, all about how medical teams are now performing in utero surgeries. That's where medical science is taking us. We're thinking of and we're treating the unborn child separate and distinct from the mother. We're recognizing that there's two lives at stake, not just one. That's modern medicine, Senator Chambers, not Catholic dogma. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Foley. Mr. Clerk, items for the record, or messages, or announcements?

CLERK: Mr. President, new bills. (Read LB 1097-1106 by title for the first time.) New resolutions, Mr. President: LR 270 by Senator Price, and LR 271 by Senator Price; both those will be laid over. Senator Thompson would like to add her name to LB 915 as a cointroducer. (Legislative Journal pages 336-339.)

And I have a priority motion, Mr. President. Senator Don